

Church News

Louisville, Ohio

We wish to say to the readers of the EVANGELIST that we closed our protracted meeting on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, with eleven additions to the church. One young lady who came out was not permitted to be baptized by her father. We sympathize very much with her and hope that she may be permitted soon to follow the dictates of her conscience and become a true child of God.

This makes sixteen additions to the church since April 1, and the church very much built up.

We have nothing to boast about, but we have many reasons to be grateful to God for what he has done for us and to Him be all glory and honor and praise.

On Thanksgiving evening the members of the church visited our home and gave us a very liberal donation. We have had experiences of this kind before, but for some reason this one came home a little closer than ever before. We tried to thank the kind donors, but could not suppress our emotions and we just had to give it up, but after a lapse of some time we succeeded in saying a few words of thanks. May God richly reward them for all their kindness.

On Tuesday night Dec. 7, we had a very unpleasant experience, such as I hope we shall never have again. We retired about ten o'clock apparently everything being well, but about two hours later, our daughter Ora was awakened and found her room filled with smoke. This caused her to give the alarm, and when we got down stairs we found our spare bedroom all on fire and the house so full of smoke that it was almost impossible to penetrate it. After we had succeeded in getting the family into a place of safety and had given the alarm we made some desperate attempts to conquer the fire and by the time the fire department arrived, with the help of some of the neighbors, we had succeeded in extinguishing the deadly foe.

Among the articles consumed by the fire was a Holmans Teacher's Bible which I prized very highly because presented to me by the Middle Branch church, and two other books of value to me, but while we lost a good many things the people here in the church and out of the church were exceedingly good to us. No sooner had the morning came but our wants were being supplied. One brother handed me \$10, saying that perhaps I needed something immediately and there would be more coming, and there was. The next day about forty ladies were sewing at our house, the goods being donated by the merchants of our little city.

And thus while we were unfortunate we have manifold reasons for gratitude and feel that our people have been very kind and God very good. And I think we are in a position to fully appreciate the language of Paul in the 8th chapter of Rom., when he says, "All things work together for good to those that love God—"

"And these light afflictions which are but

progressive, there had been no friction, but on the account of the trouble in other places the excitement reached that church also and when the test came, she with others, stood up for the faith as they had received it from the fathers, refusing to subscribe to views of which they had heard nothing in thirty-five years of Christian experience, so she was set aside as an unworthy member. The ministers who led the progressive branch, however, removed to other fields, and she was received back into the old church.

I am growing old, I am quite gray and yet I am reminded that I was scarcely one year old when she began to serve the Lord, and just a few hours before her death, she told me that if it were the Lord's will she would like to live a little longer as there was a little more she would like to do for the Lord, but that if the Lord willed she was ready to go and perhaps she could accomplish more by her death than she could in her life. The thought here is that if she found fifty years too short a time in which to serve the Lord, how will we feel if we do not begin until late in life.

While with her, she told me that she felt no fear of death so far, but she did not know how it would be when the time came. But the Lord did not desert her at the last, and I realized that it was better to go to the house of morning, than to the house of feasting.

D. BAILEY.

IN MEMORY OF A. L. EDWARDS

Brother A. L. Edwards died Oct. 22, 1897, aged 52 years. He leaves a wife and six children. His wife and four of his children are members of our church. Brother Ad was an earnest, sincere Christian and we believe died in a living faith. He was a kind husband, affectionate father and a faithful friend, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. About twelve months ago he moved to the town of Crewe in Nottaway county, where he has since resided. He was sick but a few days with typhoid fever. While we endeavor to sorrow, not as those who have no hope, yet a great void is in our hearts and we sadly miss our beloved brother, and it seems strange to think that we will never see our brother here, never look again into his kindly blue eyes nor hear his bravely spoken words of cheer. Yes, death is an enemy, one by whom we all, sooner or later, will be overcome. Our hearts should receive instruction and we ought to draw close to Jesus who is a very present help in every time of need. To the bereaved wife and sorrowing children we extend our sympathies and of our dear brother we say:

"Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number,
Thou no more our songs will know.
But again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
And again we hope to meet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed."

S. H. LOVE,

RINGLER.—Near the "White Horse," Somerset County, Pa., Nov. 24, 1897, Mrs. Clara Belle Ringler, aged 21 years 8 months and ten days. A bereaved husband and an infant babe mourn their great loss. Interment at Berlin, Pa. Services conducted by

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

FAGER—Nellie E. was born Dec. 6, 1870, died at the home of her parents on W. Walnut St., Nappanee, Ind., Dec. 14, 1897. The writer was called to her bedside, by her own wish, when about two weeks before her departure, she confessed Jesus as her Savior and friend. She bore her suffering heroically, and after months and months of pain, her spirit took its flight. Death was due to that dreaded disease consumption. Our sympathies go out to the bereaved family, and our prayer is that they will ere long find true peace and rest in Jesus. Services by the writer assisted by Rev. Wm. Northam of the U. B. church.

L. A. HAZLETT.

Nappanee, Ind.

Matrimonial

MOWRY—SCHROCK—At the home of brother and sister John H. Schrock at Bills Somerset Co., Pa., Wednesday eve December 8, 1897, by the undersigned; Mr. John H. Mowry of Friedens, Pa., and sister Tillie Schrock, of Bills, Pa.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

VANDERVEER—BEDFORD :—At the home of the bride's parents in Hudson, Iowa Dr. F. L. Vanderveer and Miss Clara Bedford were united in marriage by the writer on Nov. 24.

J. L. GILLIN.

SAYLOR—BROWN.—At the parsonage of Enon Brethren church on Dec. 9, 1897, Brother Frank Saylor of Carleton, Neb. and sister Susan Brown of this place were united in marriage. They go to live at Carleton, Nebraska.

J. L. GILLIN.

HARWICK—SHOEMAKER.—At the residence of the groom's parents, near N. Manchester, Ind., Dec. 8, 1897, occurred the marriage of Chas. F. Harwick and Iona May Shoemaker, two estimable young people of promise. Ceremony by the writer in the presence of about thirty invited guests who enjoyed an evening of social and festal entertainment. "That life's journey might be as bright and happy as it looks from the summit of the hymenial altar," was the expressed wish of many friends.

I. B. WRIGHT.

Go only where you would like to be if Jesus should come.

Test, then testify.